SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Let him ask the Planning Commission how they do that. He is the present Chairman. How did the previous Chairmen do it? Let him learn from them.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Sir, even assuming that what has been allocated will be spent during the Seventh Five Year Plan and that will be of the order of 2% more than what was spent actually in the Sixth Plan, does this have any relationship to the fact that some of the key and core sector industries are now being allowed to be invested by the private sector If this is the case, does it mean that there will be a substantive erosion into the functioning of Public Sector. Undertakings in the industrial development of this country. Therefore what is being spent and what is being proposed to be spent in the Seventh Plan will also have a bearing upon the way in which it is going to be spent if you are allocating even some of the core sectors to the private sectors. Therefore I would like to ask the Prime Minister to kindly clarify whether this is also taken into account when allocations have been made in the Seventh Plan for the public sector. Especially this becomes significant when we look at the overall expenditure pattern expected of the plan of 3 lakh 25 thousand...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Your time is up.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Therefore, I would like to ask the Prime Minister to clarify whether this means a stepping back from the socialist path.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir, he has asked many questions. I would like him to clarify one to which he wants an answer.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I want answer for all of them.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Firstly, there is no deviation from the socialist path at all. (*Interruption*) If I may give an example, Sir, we have not deviated from our path, but certain Chief Ministers who profess to be from very leftist parties approach us for extremely capitalist schemes and we have refused to do it at the moment. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, please.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : I do not understand why certain friends of us feel so guilty that their Chief Ministers are doing this. I did not mention any names.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : You have identified them by saying they are from leftist parties.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : So there are certain problems within. . . . (*Interruptions*) . . . There is no deviation in our industrial policy, from the earlier industrial policy. If you look at it carefully, you will see that there is none. We are not giving out any strategic or crucial areas to the private sector. What we are doing is we are giving a higher investment far the public sector than we have ever given before and, together with that, we are mobilizing the private sector so that we will have a total growth much higher than we have had before, India must mobilize every resource that it has, and we will do that.

Grant of Freedom Fighters' Pension

*248. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the period during which a freedom fighter had evaded arrest after issue of warrants under the DIR for defiance of the Explosives Act, before the actual arrest and detention is also taken into account for calculating the period of undergoing detention for purposes of grant of Freedom Fighter *Samman* Pension.

(b) whether any such requests/representations are pending consideration and if so, what is their number; and

(c) what decision has been taken with regard to granting of Freedom Fighters, *Samman* Pension to such persons ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since the type of suffering reffered to against (a) is already taken into account for the purpose of *Samman* Pension, the question of representations in this regard having been filed to Government and pending consideration does not arise.

(c) Under the 1972 Scheme, a freedom fighter who had claimed underground suffering was required to establish his claim by documentary evidence based on offical records. In case of underground suffering under the liberalised pension scheme effective from 1-8-1980, a relaxation has been made that in case the records are not available. certificates of abscondence etc. based on the personal knowledge of prominent freedom fighters, who had themselves undergone imprisonment for not less than 5 years in connection with the freedom struggle, (which has since been reducedto 2 years) would be acceptable. Such certificates are, however, acceptable only when the area of operation i.e., district during the freedom struggle of the applicant and the certifier was the same.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : मान्यवर, उत्तर से तो ऐसा लगता है कि सब कुछ हो गया है, जो स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम सेनानियों के लिए होना चाहिये । यह कांग्रेस का शताब्दी वर्ष है और कांग्रेस के झंडे के नीचे स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम सेनानियों ने इस देश के लिए गिरफ्तारियां दीं । इसलिए इसका महत्व वर्तमान संदर्भ में और भी बढ़ जाता है । मुझे ऐसा लगता है कि मुझे यह जानकारी मिली है कि इस साल के शुरू के महीनों तक 4 लाख आवेदनपत्र प्राप्त हुये थे जिनमें केवल 1 लाख 20 हजार व्यक्तियों को पेंशन दी जा चुकी है और 9 हजार लोगों को सम्मान पेंशन दी गई है । कुल मिलाकर 1 लाख 29 हजार क़ेसेज के डिस्पोजल हुए हैं । 4 लाख आवेदन हों और सवा लाख लोगों को ही सुविधा अभी तक मिली और बाक़ी राज्यों से अनुशंसित होकर आये हुए पत्र हैं उनके लिये भी फ्रीडम फाइटर या उनकी विधवाओं या बच्चों को पिलर टु पोस्ट दोड़ना पडे, इस स्थिति से उबारने के लिये माननीय गृह मंत्री जी क्या करेंगे ?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो फिगर्स माननीय सदस्य ने दी है और मेरे पास जो जानकारी है उसके हिसाब से 4,33,754 अप्लीकेशंस आई थी जिनमें से 348461 अप्लीकेशंस डिस्पोज आफ हो गई और 85293 अप्लीकेशंस पैंडिग थीं जिनमें से वैस्ट बंगाल और बिहार, दोनो को मिलाकर करीब-करीब 57 परसेंट टोटल पेंडेंसी दो ही स्टेट्स में पाई जाती है । मैंने खुद वहां के चीफ मिनिस्टर्स को लिखा है जितने भी पेंडिग अप्लीकेसंस वैरिफिकेशन के लिये उनके पास पडी है जब तक वैरिफिकेशन रिपोर्ट उनके पास से नहीं आती है तब तक वह अप्लीकेशंस डिस्पोज आफ नहीं की जा सकती है । हमारे यहां का जो सेल है उसके भी आफिसर्स बार-बार वहां पर जाते है और मिनिस्टर आफ स्टेट भी बाज स्टेट में जाकर वहां के आफिसर्स और मिनिस्टर्स के साथ इसके बारें में चर्चा करके सारे मामले

जितनी जल्दी हो सके, निपटाने चाहियें, इसके ऊपर उनको इंप्रेस करते है। कांग्रेस शताब्दी वर्ष होने के कारण जितनी जल्दी ये अर्जी शेंस हम डिस्पोज आफ कर सकते है, उसकी कोशिश गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से की जा रही है ।

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : मान्यवर, पहली अप्रैल, 1985 के दो दिन बाद यानी तीन तारीख को इसी राज्य सभा में गृह राज्य मंत्री श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा जी ने यह सूचना दी थी कि एक प्रश्न के उत्तर में कि पहली जून से सम्मान पुरस्कार 300 रुपए से बढा कर 500 रुपए किया जा रहा है। इसका निर्णय लिया जा चुका है । मैं माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि जून 1985 से लोगों को 500 रुपये की राशि मिल रही हैं या नहीं ?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : श्रीमन्, पेंशन 300 से बढ़ा कर 500 के आर्डर चले गये हैं, ए० जी० के आफिस में कुछ देर हो रही थी इसलिए फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर की तरफ से सारे एजीज को इस बारे में इंस्ट्रक्शन दी गई हैं । अब सब लोगों को 500 रुपए के हिसाब से दिया जा रहा है ।

श्री जै० कं० जैन : जून से ?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : हां ।

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Sir, the freedom fighters are the most neglected lot in the country. The only time that we come to know of them is when press reports come that so and so freedom fighter is dead. When we see the statement stating that more than 85,000 applications are pending with the Government, I am really shocked to see that we pay only lip-service to the freedom fighters.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please put the question.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Sir, I am putting. Why is the Government delaying even in cases where the tate Governments have recommended and sent verification reports. his is my first question. And the econd . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : No second. Part (b)

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Not second. This is a part of the question. The Government has issued instructions that co-prisoners and MLAs can attest the certificates. Even if co-prisoners give attestation, the Government is not considering the application.

Starting from the Prime Minister everyone is saying that they should emulate freedom fighters I give a specific example. Because the struggle was conducted before 1947, most of the State Governments claim that the prison records have been destroyed. Many persons, after the partition came from Pakistan and settled in different parts of India. How is it possible for them to get documentary evidence from Pakistan. And what will be the fate of their applications.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Sir, the first part of the question as I am able to understand, and that is about the cases which have been recommended by the State Governments and the certificates have also been given by co-prisoners. In fact, if the hon. Member has any such information, he will definitely pass on to me. I will personally look into the matter. But, so far as my information goes, no such case is pending with the Government. It is because of not getting the verifications reports from State Governments that most of these cases are pending.

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : श्रीमन्, मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या आपको इस तरह की शिकायतें मिली हैं कि पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों के वेरीफिकेशन के बारे में जो कांग्रेस समर्थक स्वतन्त्रता सेनानी हैं उनके साथ दूसरी तरह का व्यवहार कर रही है ? उनका वेरीफिकेशन भेजने में देरी की जा रही है ?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो पेंडिंग एप्लीकेशन्स 85 हजार बताई

गई हैं उसमें 27 हजार 13 एप्लीकेशन्स पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार के पास हैं । बार-बार उनको लिखने के बाद भी उनकी तरफ से कोई रिसपोंस हमें नहीं मिला है । (व्यवधान)

श्री दीपेन घोष : कोई स्वतन्त्रता सेनानी नहीं है इसलिए नहीं आया ।

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : यह बात और है कि वहां जो रूलिंग पार्टी है वह इसे पसन्द नहीं करती कि बाकी के लोगों ने फ्रीडम फाइट में हिस्सा लिया था उनको वेरिफाइड करके भेजने का काम, यह तो रिकार्ड देख कर भेजने की बात है । इसके अन्दर पार्टी का कोई सवाल पैदा नहीं होता । लेकिन यह दुख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि बार-बार उनको लिखने के बाद भी कोई रिसपोंस उनकी तरफ से नहीं मिल रहा है ।

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : I would like to know from the Honourable Minister, how many cases are pending with the Central Government which have already been cleared by the State Governments. A number of complaints are coming to us that people are running from this post to that post and they are not getting the pension. Sir, if the Minister wants I can cite several applications which are pending with the Central Government. A number of cases have been cleared by the West Bengal Government and even the Congress-I ruled State, Maharashtra Government which are pending with the Central Government. I understand that there is a den of corruption in the Department. Unless you pay the money, the cases are not cleared. Will the Minister go into this charge and see that these cases are disposed of immediately which have been sent by the West Bengal Government and Maharashtra Government I can cite a number of cases . . .

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Sir, as I have already stated that most of the cases which are pending they are to be verified by the respective State Governments. If there be any such case where the State Governments has recommended the case and is pending with the Central Govrenment, I will certainly look into the matter. Sir, to say that all cases are pending, because the reports have been submitted by them and they are not being disposed of at the Central Government level is not correct.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir, if I may add a word to that I wonder the hon. Member when he refers to 'den of corruption' is reffering to the 27,000 cases pending in West Bengal.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : *

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : *

MR. CHAIRAMN : Don't record anything.

SHRI. V. NARAYANASWAMY: Whether the Minister would consider granting of freedom fighters pension to those who went underground to fight against the French and British rulers. Not only that those freedom fighters ran a parallel Government against the French and British rulers.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Sir, so far as underground suffering is concerned, if it is for a period of six months, certainly we can consider them as freedom fighters and will be taken into that category for granting pension.

श्री सुलतान सिंह : मान्यवर, क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कुछ ऐसे भी फ्रीडम फाईटर देश में हैं जिनके घरों को 1942 के मूवमेंट में सील कर दिया गया था और उनके परिवार के सारे सदस्य जेल में रहे थे, जिनमें बच्चे भी शामिल थे । तो जो छोटे बच्चे दो-तीन साल जेल के अन्दर रहे, अपने माता-पिता और दादा-दादी के साथ, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या उन बच्चों को भी फ्रीडम फाइटर माना जाएगा ?

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* Not recorded

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : यह तो खोज कर सवाल निकाला है ? इसके बारे में मुझे जानकारी लेनी होगी ?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Quesiton No, 240

*249. *The questions (Shri Ram Naresh Kushawaha and Shri Sushil Chand Mohunta) were absent. For answer,* vide cols. 34-35 infra,

Seizure made by B.S.F.

*250. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the details of the items seized by the Border Security Force on 17th July, 1985 along the Indo-Pak border in Barmer sector?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): In an encounter on 17th July, 1985 a BSF patrol party seized the following articles :—

Articles seized :

1. Heroin (net weight 325.740 kgs.)
2. Foreign cloth (11,472,25 Mts.)
3. Camel-1 (live)
4. Camel-2 (injured)
5. Camel saddlery used and old-8 with 15 gaddis used and old.

Arms and Ammunition :

1. Rifle.303-1
2. Ammn. .303 (live)-83
3. .303 misfired cartridges-10
4. .303 fired cartridges-36.

Miscellaneous items :

1. Salwar (old-13)
2. Tahme (old-9)
3. Turban (old-9)
4. Gun cover (old and used)-4
5. Shoes (old and used) 5 pairs
6. Tilla yellow thread-15
7. Tilla white thread-6
8. Surmadhani (old and used)-4
9. Ladies dhoties-2
10. Cassettes (old and used)-5
11. Lungi used (saree type)-14
12. Cotton cloth didar suiting-22 mtrs.
13. Printed cloth in 5 pieces-28 mtrs.
14. Brass/steel utensils old and used-13.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Answer is very lengthy.

SHRI ARUN NEHRU : Sir, it is not my fault the question is like that.

MR CHAIRMAN: But you should have put it as a statement on the Table of the House. You don't have to read all those things.

SHRI ARUN NEHRU: Sir, the question was what are the details of the items ?

MR CHAIRMAN : Generally, Mr. Minister when you have to give statistics and other details, you place it as a statement on the Table of the House so that Members can get the statement. Today, you can read.

SHRI ARUN NEHRU: Let me satisfy him fully Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have more than satisfied. You can sit down now.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : Sir, there is a dispute whether what was actually captured was Heroin or was not Heroin? I have been in correspondence with the Ministry of Finance. They informed me, the first report was that it was Heroin and that is where I think the Hon'ble Minister of State must correct his statement. It is not Heroin. The report said, it is 300 and odd kgs of Heroin worth Rs. 17 crores. It gave a lot of publicity. Thereafter, I made some inquiries into the matter to ascertain whether it is Heroin or not. Would, therefore, the Hon'ble Minister like first to clarify this matter: was it Heroin or was it not Heroin? What was its value? Secondly, Sir, how is it that whereas camels are captured the actual miscreants were able to escape? It is